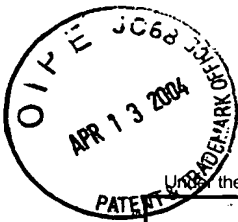


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	Filing Date	October 3, 2001
	First Named Inventor	Carey Ritchey
	Art Unit	2817
	Examiner Name	S. E. Jones
	Attorney Docket No.	49581/P030US/10104106

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

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2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. ☐ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. _____

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) 04/15/2004 RHEBRAHT 00000003 09970351

ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) 01 FC:2801 385.00 0P

iii. ☐ Other _____

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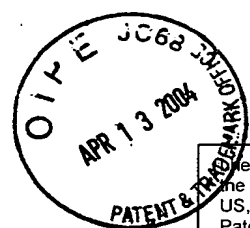
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For: **BROADBAND PIN DIODE ATTENUATOR
BIAS NETWORK**

AMENDMENT ACOMPANYING A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2004, finally rejecting claims 1-3, 6, 7, 22, 24 and 25, and in response to the Interview Summary mailed March 22, 2004. This Amendment is accompanied by a Request for Continued Examination and the necessary Fee(s). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

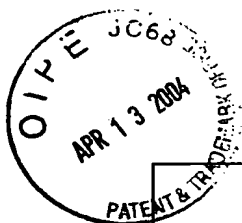
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 13 of this paper.

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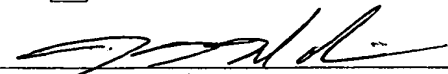
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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.

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